

December 22, 2002

Ref: 2234-21384

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Cris I Zone, Reservoir B
BAYOU BILOXI FIELD
St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: The Meridian Resource & Exploration,
LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cris I Zone, Reservoir B, in the Bayou Biloxi Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 367 acres for the Cris I Zone, Reservoir B, designated as the CRIS I RB SUA, Bayou Biloxi Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
3. To designate a unit operator and a unit well for the CRIS I RB SUA;
4. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
5. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoirs as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Cris I Zone, Reservoir B in the Bayou Biloxi Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 8,377 feet and 8,517 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC-Biloxi Marsh Lands 18 No. 1 Well, whose bottomhole location is located in Section 18, Township 12 South, Range 17 East, and whose surface location is located in Lake Borgne, Section 13, Township 12 South, Range 16 East, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated December 9, 2003 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 2004. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the CRIS I RB, Bayou Biloxi Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Jim Hardwick of Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, La 70598-0972 (337) 232-7756.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


B. W. Duplantis

BJD/ht

Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners,
Represented Parties and
Interested Parties

R 16 E

R 17 E

PROPOSED
CRIS I RB SUA
BILOXI MARSH LANDS 18 NO. 1
± 367 ACRES

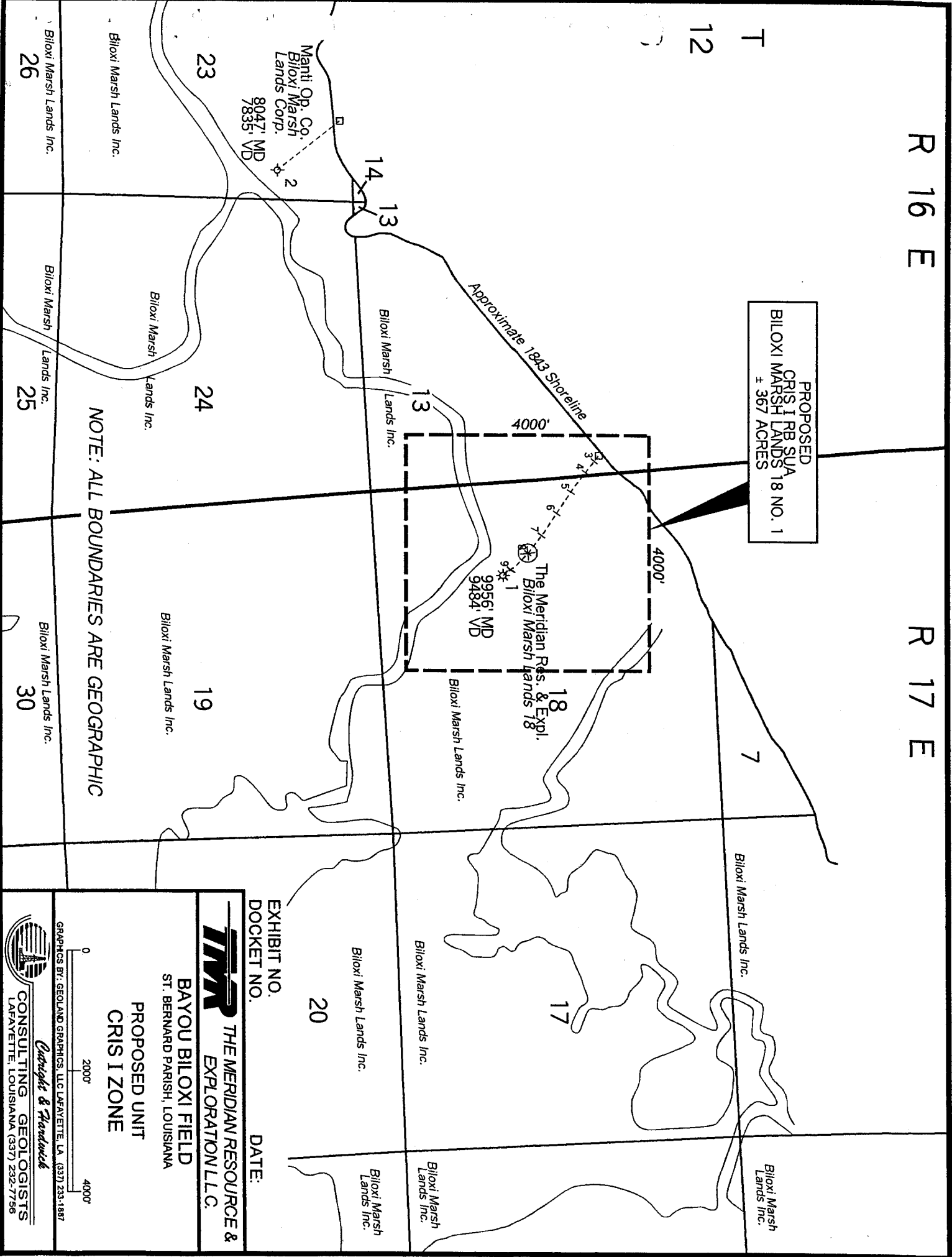


EXHIBIT NO.
DOCKET NO.
DATE:

THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE & EXPLORATION LLC.

BAYOU BILOXI FIELD
ST. BERNARD PARISH, LOUISIANA
PROPOSED UNIT
CRIS I ZONE

0 2000' 4000'

GRAPHS BY: GEOLAND GRAPHICS, LLC LA FAYETTE, LA (337) 233-1887

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